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Information from Ollie Matson.

14. Another brother Jeremiah at age nineteen was apparently dying of what was then called inflammation of lungs. Given up by Doctors Bonner & Stewart. Father McSpiritt was brought & assured his recovery. He lived to become the father of fifteen.

15. Bridget (herself) at age fifteen or sixteen, unknown malady, complete loss of appetite & subsequent bodily wastage. Went to Father McSpiritt who assured her that she would regain appetite & flesh. Speedy recovery.

Related by Wm. Horan, son of Martin Horan, onetime Claireville hotelkeeper.

16. As a little fellow he recalled an elderly man wearing colored goggles almost totally blind, arriving with wife at hotel on way to Father McSpiritt. Wm. was sent as guide. They arrived back at hotel for supper. The man in getting out of buggy had every movement guided. Later when they were departing for Weston, the man could see sufficiently to get into vehicle without help.

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Related by John Marshall of Albion re himself.

17. Was completely broken down in health & unable to eat, in fact forbidden to partake of ordinary food by Dr. Bonner of Bolton who had him on milk diet. On last trip to Bonner, after getting horse from Bolton hotel stable he turned in direction opposite from home & his wife asked where he was going. He said to Father McSpiritt. He drove to The Gore in cutter. Father McSpiritt was just carrying in an armful of wood & jovially inquired the reason of the visit. Marshall explained his plight. The priest told him to 'go home & eat the best his house afforded & he would soon be sound'. Marshall was about his work in a few days & never again troubled by what doctors had diagnosed as 'indigestion'. He is today hale & hearty though far beyond the alloted span of three score and ten.

Writer's note:-- I attach the utmost importance to this statement because of my intimate knowledge of John Marshall, whom I have known since my earliest boyhood. John is & always has been absolutely dependable in each & every statement he makes.

18. Related by Mrs. Wm. Horan (nee Winnie Egan) (Albion)

At age eleven she had diphtheria & managed to survive the disease itself, but external remedies

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applied to throat with blistering effect caused infection. The flesh started to decay & infection penetrated to jaw-bone. A portion of flesh hung sacklike. She was taken to Father McSpiritt at Colgan. He jokingly told the child that the hanging flesh would get like a big bag much to her alarm. He then told her seriously to have no fear as she would recover completely. The healing process commenced from that date & in due time all effects disappeared.

Writer's note:-- To my personal knowledge Winnie Egan is absolutely reliable.

19. Related by Mrs. McVean (Gore) formerly a Kehoe of King. re herself.

In girlhood had eczema on hands. Went to Father McSpiritt who assured her that hands would be cleared of trouble in short time. Eczema disappeared in few days & never returned.

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Information from Ollie Matson.

This is first list. It is a commencement & sufficient interest has been aroused through my inquiry to start several tracing up names & cures of which they had not sufficient knowledge to give me requisite details. Should have results of these inquiries this week. As usual the work is abominably slow. An inquiry of this nature instituted a quarter century ago when so many old people of Father McSpiritt's time were still alive would doubtless have produced some startling information.

Am sticking closely to this one line of work, but my thoughts keep straying to a vanished hamlet which I believe your investigators overlooked -- church, graveyard, store, sawmill, etc. I interviewed one man of clear memory aged 88, born beside this site & he cannot recall anything but graveyard. It would seem therefore that the place must have existed far earlier than most other hamlets. I know who plowed over the graveyard (the rotted fence had then almost vanished), & that was certainly long ago. Meanwhile in my own skull lurks a foggy memory of a name I fancy I heard my parents apply to the place, which was not active even in their early days. Will see you about it when finished with Father McSpiritt.

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